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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Anti-US Demonstrations and Vietnam Solidarity Week in Latin America

1. Vietnam Solidarity Week, which began on 18 March, is a by-product of the "Tri-Continental Committee for Solidarity with the Vietnamese People in the Struggle Against Yankee Imperialism," an organization spawned by Fidel Castro's Tri-Continent Conference in Havana in early January. Its aim is to embarrass the United States and to enlist support for North Vietnam and the National Liberation Front.

2. In addition to the usual press and radio barrage, Cuba plans to end the "week" on 19 March at the Habana Libre Hotel with a forum to be attended by delegations from foreign communities in Cuba, functionaries of Cuban political, artistic, and professional groups, and diplomats from "socialist and progressive nations in Cuba." The forum agenda includes various appeals and anti-US declarations, one by Cuban doctors "regarding genocide in Vietnam."

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